

Appl. No. 10/709,886
Amdt. dated Jul. 1, 2005
Reply to Office action of May 10, 2005

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 2, 3 and 10. These sheets, which include Figs. 2, 3, 10 and 11, replace the original sheets including Figs. 2, 3, 10 and 11. Figs. 2 and 10 have been amended to include previously omitted label --Prior Art--. In Fig. 10, the lead line from reference numeral 126 has been extended to the "opening 126" as described in the specification.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets (3)

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated May 10, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the above claim amendment and the following remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner's indication that claims 1-25 are allowed is gratefully acknowledged. The drawings and claims have been amended to comply with the Examiner's recommendations, and the amendment is fully supported by the disclosure. No new matter has been added by the amendment and the amendment has not changed the content or scope of the claims.

Drawing Objections

Figures 2 and 10 were objected to for not being designated as prior art. Applicants have amended Figures 2 and 10 to indicate --Prior Art-- in the legend. Figure 3 was objected to because reference numerals 123 and 126 appear to point to a same element. Figure 3 has been amended to correct the lead line of reference numeral 126, and the amendment is fully supported by the specification.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 16, 20 and 22 were objected to for informalities. Claims 1, 16, 20 and 22 have been amended to correct the informalities as indicated by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the objections to claims 1, 16, 20 and 22.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicant's attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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